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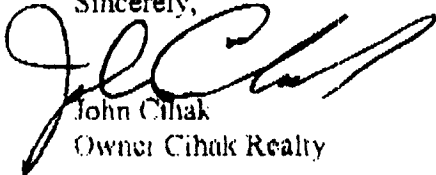
Ms. Hesse,

This week, Governor Gray Davis and the California State Legislature will be announcing all of the various public works projects that are going to go without funding during the next fiscal year. I have spent years working in my community and am very concerned about what kinds of projects we are going to lose. I can't sit idly by and watch this happen while our leaders still consider spending millions of dollars on other frivolous projects. That is why I am writing this letter to ask the court to approve of the settlement with Microsoft.

The Microsoft case has already cost Californians tens of millions of dollars. That does not include what we are spending on the federal side of this case. Each time I think about the money, which might be spent should the settlement be rejected, I think about all the important projects our community is going to lose out on.

I am not naïve enough to think that if the Microsoft case is settled that we will then get our public works projects. However, I do believe settling the case with Microsoft is a decision which should be made on principle. It is a decision which says that the courts and our elected officials will find a way to resolve issues like this when there is not enough money to fund even the most basic needs.

Sincerely,



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